



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

GIFFORD, KRASS, GROH, SPRINKLE & CITKOWSKI, P.C  
PO BOX 7021  
TROY MI 48007-7021

**COPY MAILED**

**APR 19 2006**

**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

**ON PETITION**

In re Application of :  
Karl Rafeld :  
Application No. 10/730,700 :  
Filed: December 8, 2003 :  
Attorney Docket No. KWO-18502/01 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)<sup>1</sup>, filed March 24, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The instant application became abandoned on October 12, 2005, for failure to submit within three months, a proper and timely response to the final Office action mailed on July 11, 2005. By Advisory Action dated October 13, 2005, petitioners were informed that the reply to the Final Office Action, filed September 29, 2005, did not place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed February 22, 2006.

Petitioner has submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an amendment as the submission required under 37 CFR 1.114.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center 3643 for processing of the RCE and submission.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

  
Patricia Faison-Ball  
Senior Petitions Attorney  
Office of Petitions

<sup>1</sup>Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).